

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****PATENT**

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Art Unit: 2635  
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- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
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- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

**ATTACHMENTS**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
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- ☐ Copies of IDS citations
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For: Image Processing Apparatus,  
Imaging Apparatus, and Program  
and Computer-Readable Recording  
Medium Thereof

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**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78**

Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicants note that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patents and Patent Applications:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/409,123, filed April 9, 2003, entitled, "IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING THE IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM";
- (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,333, filed June 23, 2003, entitled "IMAGE DECODING TECHNIQUE FOR SUPPRESSING TILE BOUNDARY DISTORTION;"
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/420,887, filed April 23, 2003, entitled, "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS, IMAGE REPRODUCING APPARATUS, CAMERA

SYSTEM, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM;" U.S.

Patent Application No. /, filed , entitled, "";

- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/330,349, filed December 30, 2002, entitled, "INPUT APPARATUS FOR IMAGE;"
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/317,911, filed December 11, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE DECOMPRESSION APPARATUS AND METHOD;"
- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/330,588, filed December 27, 2002, entitled "IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE-PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM AND COMPUTER READABLE INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM;"
- (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/391,211, filed March 19, 2003, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSOR AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD;"
- (8) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/247,896, filed September 20, 2002, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND IMAGE READING METHOD;"
- (9) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/247,497, filed September 20, 2002, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM PROCESSING CODE DATA;"
- (10) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/156,093, filed May 29, 2002, entitled "IMAGE COMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT, AND RECORDING MEDIUM;"
- (11) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/188,133, filed July 3, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACCURATELY DETECTING CHARACTER EDGES;"
- (12) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,545, filed June 10, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE EXPANSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM;"

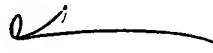
- (13) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/102,633, filed March 22, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE FORMATION UNIT AND IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS;"
- (14) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/915,360, filed July 27, 2001, entitled, "IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS";
- (15) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/821,248, filed March 30, 2001, entitled, "IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS, PROGRAM EXECUTED BY COMPUTER, AND METHOD FOR PREPARING DOCUMENT WITH IMAGE;"
- (16) U.S. Patent Application No. 00-573,777, filed May 18, 2000;"
- (17) U.S. Patent Application No. 99-473,647, filed December 28, 1999;"
- (18) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/487,340, filed January 19, 2000, entitled, "METHOD, COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING CHARACTERS FROM COLOR IMAGE DATA;"
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 6,519,052, issued February 11, 2003, entitled, "IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS TO SELECT A DATA COMPRESSION METHOD ACCORDING TO A SIZE OF AN OUTPUT IMAGE;"
- (20) U.S. Patent Application No. 99-292,357 filed April 15, 1999 now abandoned.
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 6,066,978, issued May 23, 2000, entitled, "PARTIAL PRODUCT GENERATING CIRCUIT;"
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 6,266,440, issued July 24, 2001, entitled, "COLOR IMAGE DATA COMPRESSING APPARATUS;"
- (23) U.S. Patent No. 6,545,916, issued April 8, 2003, entitled, "MEMORY CONFIGURATION OF A COMPOSITE MEMORY DEVICE;" and
- (24) U.S. Patent No. 6,335,883, issued January 1, 2002, entitled, "MEMORY CONFIGURATION OF A COMPOSITE MEMORY DEVICE."

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